AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Previously presented): A digital broadcast receiving method for receiving broadcast data in which a plurality of files are broadcast with a plurality of elementary streams for audio and video output, the method comprising:

determining in advance a hierarchical number of said plurality of files to be retained;

initiating reception of said plurality of files;

acquiring a start file, which is a first file of said plurality of files, from a determined elementary stream and retaining said start file;

acquiring automatically and retaining said plurality of files linked by anchors within each of said plurality of files ranging from said start file to said hierarchical number of files by analyzing said start file; and

using said retained files to create video and audio output.

2. (Currently amended): A digital broadcast receiving method for receiving broadcast data in which a plurality of files are broadcast with a plurality of elementary streams to create video and audio output, the method comprising:

initiating reception of said broadcast data;

acquiring a start file, which is a first file of said broadcast data, from a determined elementary stream and retaining said start file;

analyzing said start file to automatically acquire and retain all <u>files comprising</u> said

plurality of files linked by anchors within each file; and

using said files that have been retained to create a video output.

3. (Previously presented): The digital broadcast receiving method according to claim 1,

wherein all said elementary streams with which said files received in advance and

retained are constantly monitored, and

wherein a trigger for broadcasting is received.

4. (Previously presented): The digital broadcast receiving method according to claim 3,

wherein contents of said files acquired in advance and retained indicated by said trigger for

broadcasting are updated.

5. (Previously presented): A digital broadcast receiving apparatus for receiving broadcast

data in which a plurality of files are broadcast with a plurality of elementary streams to create

audio and video output, the apparatus comprising:

hierarchy designation means for storing a pre-determined hierarchical number indicating

a number of said files to be retained;

file acquisition preparation means for acquiring and retaining a start file, which is a first

file of said plurality of files, from an elementary stream with which said start file is broadcast, by

analyzing each file to automatically acquire and retain said files linked by anchors within each of

said files ranging from said start file to said hierarchical number of said files; and

file transition means for creating video output using said retained files.

6. (Previously presented): The digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 5,

further comprising trigger for broadcasting receiving means for monitoring all said elementary

streams being broadcast to receive a trigger for broadcasting.

7. (Previously presented): The digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 6,

further comprising trigger for broadcasting updating means for causing contents indicated by

said trigger for broadcasting to be updated on said files that were acquired in advance and

retained.

8. (Previously presented): A digital broadcast receiving apparatus for receiving broadcast

data in which a plurality of files are broadcast with a plurality of elementary streams to create

audio and video output, the apparatus comprising:

file acquisition preparation means for acquiring and retaining a start file, which is a first

file of said data broadcasting, from an elementary stream with which said start file is broadcast,

by analyzing each file to automatically acquire and retain all said files linked by anchors within

each file; and

file transition means for creating video output using said files that have been retained.

9. (Previously presented): The digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising trigger for broadcasting receiving means for monitoring all said elementary streams being broadcast to receive a trigger for broadcasting.

10. (Previously presented): The digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising a trigger for broadcasting updating means for causing contents indicated by said trigger for broadcasting to be updated on said files that were acquired in advance and retained.

11. (New): The digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the trigger for broadcasting comprises at least one of a version-up message, an event message and a beginning of emergent broadcasting message.

12. (New): The digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the trigger for broadcasting comprises at least one of a version-up message, an event message and a beginning of emergent broadcasting message.